

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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The Department of Government offers work leading toward a Master of Public Administration and provides graduate level courses as support for graduate programs in related disciplines.

Certificates

Persons with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution may earn a 12-hour non-degree University certificate in the following areas. Students must meet all requirements for admission to the Graduate School. The certificate courses overlap with courses in the MPA Concentrations and may be applied to the MPA degree.

Master's

- Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Applied Policy (M.P.A.) (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/mpa-concentration-applied-policy/>)
- Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Community Development (M.P.A.) (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/mpa-concentration-community-development/>)
- Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Emergency Management and Disaster Resilience (M.P.A.) (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/mpa-concentration-emergency-management-disaster-resilience/>)
- Master of Public Administration with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management (M.P.A.) (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/mpa-concentration-nonprofit-management/>)

Certificate

- Applied Policy, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/applied-policy-certificate/>)
- Community Development, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/community-development-certificate/>)
- Nonprofit Management, University Certificate (<http://catalogs.eku.edu/graduate/letters-arts-social-sciences/government/nonprofit-management-certificate/>)

Courses

POL 733. Seminar: State & Local Politics. (3 Credits)

A. A topical analysis of the institutions, policies, and administration of American state and local government. May be retaken to a total of six credit hours, provided subject matter differs each time.

POL 741. Politics and Education. (3 Credits)

A. An examination of the way political decisions and policies are made in the field of education. Special attention is given to educational decision makers and political power at the local level.

POL 751. Classic & Medieval Pol Theory. (3 Credits)

A. Cross-listed as PHI 751. Examination of Western political thought from Plato to Aquinas. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 551, PHI 551W, POL 551, POL 551W or PHI 751.

POL 752. Modern Political Theory. (3 Credits)

A. Cross-listed as PHI 752. Examination of Western political thought from the Renaissance to the mid-twentieth century. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 552, PHI 552W, POL 552, POL 552W or PHI 752.

POL 753. Contemporary Political Theory. (3 Credits)

A. Cross-listed as PHI 753. Examination of Western political thought from the mid-twentieth century to the present. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PHI 553, PHI 553W, POL 553, POL 553W, or PHI 753.

POL 765. Administrative Law. (3 Credits)

Nature of the powers vested in administrative agencies; the problems of administration procedure; the methods and extent of judicial control over administrative action.

POL 800. Research Methods in Pol Sci. (3 Credits)

A. An introduction and an overview of theories, methods, and analyses which are used in contemporary political science and public administration research.

POL 801. Admin, Ethics, Public Policy. (3 Credits)

A. An analysis and overview of the interplay of ethical considerations, administration, and policy process in the public sector.

POL 835. Sem Intergovernmental Relation. (3 Credits)

A. An examination of the institutions, concepts, and problems of intergovernmental relations and the American federal system.

POL 839. Co-op or Appl Lrn: Pub Adm/Pol. (0.5-6 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: departmental approval. Work under faculty and field supervisors in cooperative placement related to student's academic studies. Credit varies with hours of employment. A minimum of eighty hours of work required for each academic credit. May be repeated at the discretion of the department. Credit may be substituted for POL 871 in the M.P.A program provided the requirements of POL 871 are met completely by the cooperative education assignment. Credit may not otherwise be substituted for any M.A. or M.P.A requirements.

POL 839A. Co-op in Pub Admin & Pol Sci. (0.5-6 Credits)

Work under faculty and field supervisors in a cooperative placement related to student's academic studies. Credit varies with hours of employment. May be repeated at the discretion of the department. Credit may be substituted for POL 871 in the MPA program provided the requirements of POL 871 are met completely by the cooperative education assignment. Credit may not otherwise be substituted for any M.A. or M.P.A. cooperative education assignment. Credit may not otherwise be substituted for any M.A. or M.P.A. requirements.

POL 839B. Co-op in Pub Admin & Pol Sci. (0.5-6 Credits)

Work under faculty and field supervisors in a cooperative placement related to student's academic studies. Credit varies with hours of employment. May be repeated at the discretion of the department. Credit may be substituted for POL 871 in the MPA program provided the requirements education assignment. Credit may not otherwise be substituted for any M.A. or M.P.A. requirements.

POL 839C. Co-op in Pub Admin & Pol Sci. (0.5-6 Credits)

Work under faculty and field supervisors in a cooperative placement related to student's academic studies. Credit varies with hours of employment. May be repeated at the discretion of the department. Credit may be substituted for POL 871 in the MPA program provided the requirements of POL 871 are met completely by the cooperative education assignment. Credit may not otherwise be substituted for any M.A. or M.P.A. requirements.

POL 839D. Co-op in Pub Admin & Pol Sci. (0.5-6 Credits)

Work in placements related to academic studies. One to eight hours credit per semester or summer. Total hours: eight, associate; sixteen, baccalaureate. A minimum of 80 hours employment required for each semester hour credit. No more than six hours may count toward this major. No more than three hours may count toward this minor.

POL 845. Community Development. (3 Credits)

A. Examines developmental efforts on community level in the United States; relates community development to community organization and examines current efforts, especially those based on the concept of self-help, to generate and implement community development programs.

POL 846. Non-Profit Organizations. (3 Credits)

A. Study of non-profit organizations, including an examination of types, leadership styles, management tools, board organization, budgeting and fund-raising.

POL 847. Grant Writing. (3 Credits)

A. The study of grant writing processes involving federal and foundation grants as they apply to the public and non-profit sector. Credit will not be awarded for both POL 847 and POL 847S.

POL 847S. Grant Writing. (3 Credits)

A. The study of grant writing processes involving federal and foundation grants as they apply to the public and non-profit sector, enhanced with a service-learning component. Credit will not be awarded for both POL 847 and POL 847S.

POL 870. Public Admin Internship. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: departmental approval. An internship in a public or nonprofit organizational setting for M.P.A. students conducted under departmental supervision and resulting in a capstone paper.

POL 871. Thesis in Public Administration. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: Departmental approval. An advanced, directed research project for M.P.A. students under departmental supervision resulting in a thesis.

POL 873. Applied Project in Public Administration. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: departmental approval. An applied research project for a public or nonprofit organization for MPA students under departmental supervision resulting in a capstone project.

POL 874. Public Sector Leadership. (3 Credits)

A. This course examines theories and practices of leadership in public and nonprofit sector organizations. Emphasis is given competing theories of leadership and to the examination of leadership through theoretical reference frames.

POL 875. Organization Theory. (3 Credits)

A. Survey of major theories as applied to government agencies and other not-for-profit organizations. Topics covered include classical texts and recent research on theories of organizational behavior,

POL 876. Public Human Resources Mngt. (3 Credits)

A. Study of strategies and techniques of public human resources management in the public sector and their relationship to pertinent laws, policies, and institutions, in the context of contemporary theories of organizational behavior.

POL 877. Public Finance Administration. (3 Credits)

A. An examination of the effects of economic, administrative, legislative and judicial factors on the fiscal operations of government. Study of the budgetary and financial decision-making process at the federal, state and local levels.

POL 879. Policy Analysis and Evaluation. (3 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: POL 800. An introduction to theories and methods of analysis relating to public policy and public program formulation, implementation, and evaluation. Topics include quantitative and non-quantitative analytical techniques.

POL 880. Nonprofit Financial Management. (3 Credits)

A. The course will examine financial considerations of nonprofit organizations, including funding sources, nonprofit financial statements, reserve development and management, financial accountability, and strategies required to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the organization.

POL 891. Directed Research. (3-6 Credits)

Research under the direct supervision of one or more departmental members. Students must have the independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and departmental chair prior to enrollment.

POL 892. Dir. Re in Public Hlth Admin.. (3-6 Credits)

A. Research under the direct supervision of faculty advisors. Students must have the independent study form approved by the faculty supervisor and department chair. Designed for MPH students concentrating in Public Administration.

POL 893. Special Topics:_____ (1-3 Credits)

A. Seminar in a specialized topic of the discipline. Topics will vary. May be retaken to a total of six hours credit, provided subject matter differs each time.

POL 895. Independent Study. (1-3 Credits)

A. Student-initiated directed study. Can include research project or readings in an area of the discipline. May be retaken to a total of six hours credit, provided subject matter differs each time. Student must have the independent study proposal form approved by faculty supervisor and department chair prior to enrollment.

POL 899. Thesis. (3-6 Credits)

A. May be retaken to a total of six hours credit.